



State Mining and Geology Board

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established.

CONSENT ITEMS

All items on consent were approved or accepted by a unanimous voice vote after being moved by Board Member Allen M. Jones. This included the Minutes of the previous meeting; lead agency ordinance certifications for the City of Sacramento and the County of Tulare; and Financial Assurances for Granite Construction Company's Garnet Pit in the City of Palm Springs.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION:

Director's Report

Deputy Director Pat Meehan provided information about Director Young's ongoing confirmation hearings and Erik Vink's appointment as Assistant Director for the Division of Land Resource Protection. She stated the Senate approved the Department's budget with control language added to the new SMARA Cost Estimator position, the Abandoned Mine Inventory Project, and funding for the establishment of a Task Force to study if the Cache Creek Management Plan could be applied under SMARA elsewhere in the State. Ms. Meehan concluded with details on the approved funding for digitization of the Alquist-Priolo and North Coast Watershed Protection Maps.

Jason Marshall provided information on current legislation. Of specific interest to the Board: AB 2254 (Gallegos); SB 244(Solis); SB 666 (Sher); SB 1897 (Monteith); and HR 51 (Strom-Martin)

Dave Beeby, Principal Geologist, Division of Mines and Geology, presented the State Geologist's report citing:

- a swarm of earthquakes the previous day near Brawley, California;
- funding for the Tri-Net System had been exhausted, but that the Division is pursuing other funding options;
- the public release of the regional map of El Dorado County identifying areas of potential Serpentine deposits
- the Air Resources Board's proposed modified regulations that would reduce the amount of Serpentine allowed in road base to
- funding for a joint project between CalFed and DMG to study Mercury contamination in the Delta rivers;
- the Division's future participation in two summer workshops sponsored by the California Mineral Education Foundation.

Mr. Beeby concluded his report by announcing the release of digital files of the State Mineralogist Reports from 1885 to 1960 and the upcoming release of Alquist Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Maps.

Executive Officer's Report

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After announcing the Senate Rules Committee confirmation progress for Board Member Richard Ramirez, Executive Officer John Parrish provided an update of SMARA ordinance reviews with lead agencies. Status reports on the reclamation plan appeals for United Rock Products, Atkinson Brick, and Beyer Pit were also given.

Dr. Parrish updated the Board on the progress of preparing the mine inspection consulting contract for inspecting mines in El Dorado County. He added that El Dorado County had denied the Weber Creek Quarry's financial assurance appeal and the County was scheduled to consider a cease and desist order on June 27th, and would also rule on a forfeiture of the current financial assurances.

GOOD OF THE MEETING

Speaking for a group of citizens in El Dorado County, Melissa Vargas welcomed new Board Members Robert Griego and Jones and thanked them for taking on the challenge of protecting public health and safety specific to environmental issues.

Speaking as a member of the real estate community, John Newton confirmed that public disclosure of local land use issues was important. He suggested the Board continue to encourage lead agencies to conduct public hearings whenever new mineral classification or seismic hazard/earthquake fault maps are released.

NEW BUSINESS

- John P. Clinkenbeard, Associate Geologist with the Division of Mines and Geology presented the findings of Open File Report 2000-04; *Mineral Land Classification for Construction Aggregate Resources at the KRC Holdings, Inc., M & T Chico Ranch Site*. After being moved by Board Member Ramirez, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report as being prepared within the Board-established guidelines.
- Interim Financial Assurances in the Amount of \$51,211 were Conditionally Approved for Sha Neva Plant #2 (California Mine ID Number 91-29-0005)
- Board Committees were reviewed and re-established. Following Chairman Grunwald's recommendation, members to each were chosen as follows:
 - Geohazards: Buckley, Ramirez, Griego
 - Mineral Conservation: Buckley, Jones, Griego
 - Policy: Grunwald, Munro, Ramirez
 - Mining Reclamation Standards: Munro, Buckley, Jones

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board's next meeting was announced for July 13, 2000.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

ROBERT GRUNWALD, CHAIRMAN

JOHN PARRISH, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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